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## SATURDAY'S SUBWAY TIE-UP.

**A** FINE EXAMPLE the Interborough sets at a time when in all activities, public or private, efficiency and preparedness are prime requisites!

The three-hour tie-up of the subway Saturday afternoon, during which the city had to get along as best it could while the Interborough knocked off work and waited for a coal barge, revealed a lack of provision and an indifference to public need for which Interborough officials are to be called sharply to account.

It is an astounding state of affairs which permits the Interborough, with reserve bunkers for 7,000 tons of coal, to keep those bunkers empty and tell the public to wait, in order that it may pursue a parsimonious, hand-to-mouth policy in ordering its fuel supply.

There is plenty of coal to be had. If, under present prices, the coal concerns holding contracts with the Interborough are not making the big profits they had hoped to make, that is no reason why the Interborough should let these coal companies dribble along deliveries at the risk of causing at any moment acute inconvenience to the public.

Saturday's tie-up occurred at a "week-end" hour when all responsible officials were out of reach, the Public Service Commission offices empty and the people of New York at the mercy of a situation resulting from inexcusable neglect and lack of foresight. Nor did the Interborough managers handle the situation or instruct subway employees to answer questions in a manner calculated to reassure a startled public.

Interborough heads have been summoned by Public Service Commissioners Hayward and Whitney to explain.

In time of war the city should be able to count on its public utility corporations for the most careful planning and service they can provide.

In the face of what happened Saturday, what guarantee of Interborough standards are Messrs. Shonts and Hedley prepared to offer?

"Those who think the moment has come to overthrow the revolutionary power with bayonets," declares Kerensky, "are making a mistake. Let them take care, for our authority is supported by the boundless confidence of the people and by millions of soldiers who are defending us against the German invasion."

Rarely in the history of nations has a statesman uttered words which civilization so earnestly desired to accept at their full value.

## THE UNFOLDING OF NATIONAL STRENGTH.

**T**HE PRESIDENT'S RULING on the purpose of the Selective Draft as it applies to married men of military age ought to quiet the fears of those who have seen in the general confusion on this point danger of grave injustice and suffering.

"We ought, as far as practicable," declares the President, "to raise this new National Army without creating the hardships necessarily entailed when the head of a family is taken, and I hoped that for the most part those accepted in the first call would be found to be men who had not yet assumed such relations."

This is the spirit which pervades all the more specific provisions of the President's order. Not marriage but dependency is made the basis of exemption. But an army in the main of single men is plainly the President's idea of what should constitute the first force drawn from the broader national life for service at the front.

It is one of the everlasting cruelties of war that national self-preservation always makes inevitable the sending of young unmarried men, the hope of the nation rather than its flower, to bear the first shock of battle.

Mankind has worked out painful proof that that nation fights hardest and longest which begins by leaving the fewest unsupported wives and children, by assuming the fewest economic responsibilities, by taking upon itself the least number of social and domestic readjustments.

Married men with dependents must go when the moment comes, older men also. The sequence which saves hardship, however, is the sequence which secures the surest unfolding of supreme national strength.

It would be strange if this scientific certainty were to be ignored in the carrying out of a Selective Draft law which was itself enacted as the most scientific and effective method of applying the power of the nation to the task of war. The President only strengthens the Selective Draft by steering it away from inconsistency.

After four years in the great ice fields of the Far North explorer MacMillan comes back to report that not one of his party suffered from sickness, that his supplies held out well and that mishaps were few.

Even Arctic exploration is getting into the efficiency-and-safety group.

## Hits From Sharp Wits

The guy who tells you what he would do if he were in your place would probably begin by getting out of your place.—Binghamton Press.

The lamb in the stock market should beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing.—Philadelphia Record.

The drafted man finds it so easy to get married that it looks like he would be suspicious.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

If golf has more action than baseball, why aren't the hillside covered with spectators?—Patterson Call.

You handicap to-day when you worry about to-morrow.—Toledo Blade.

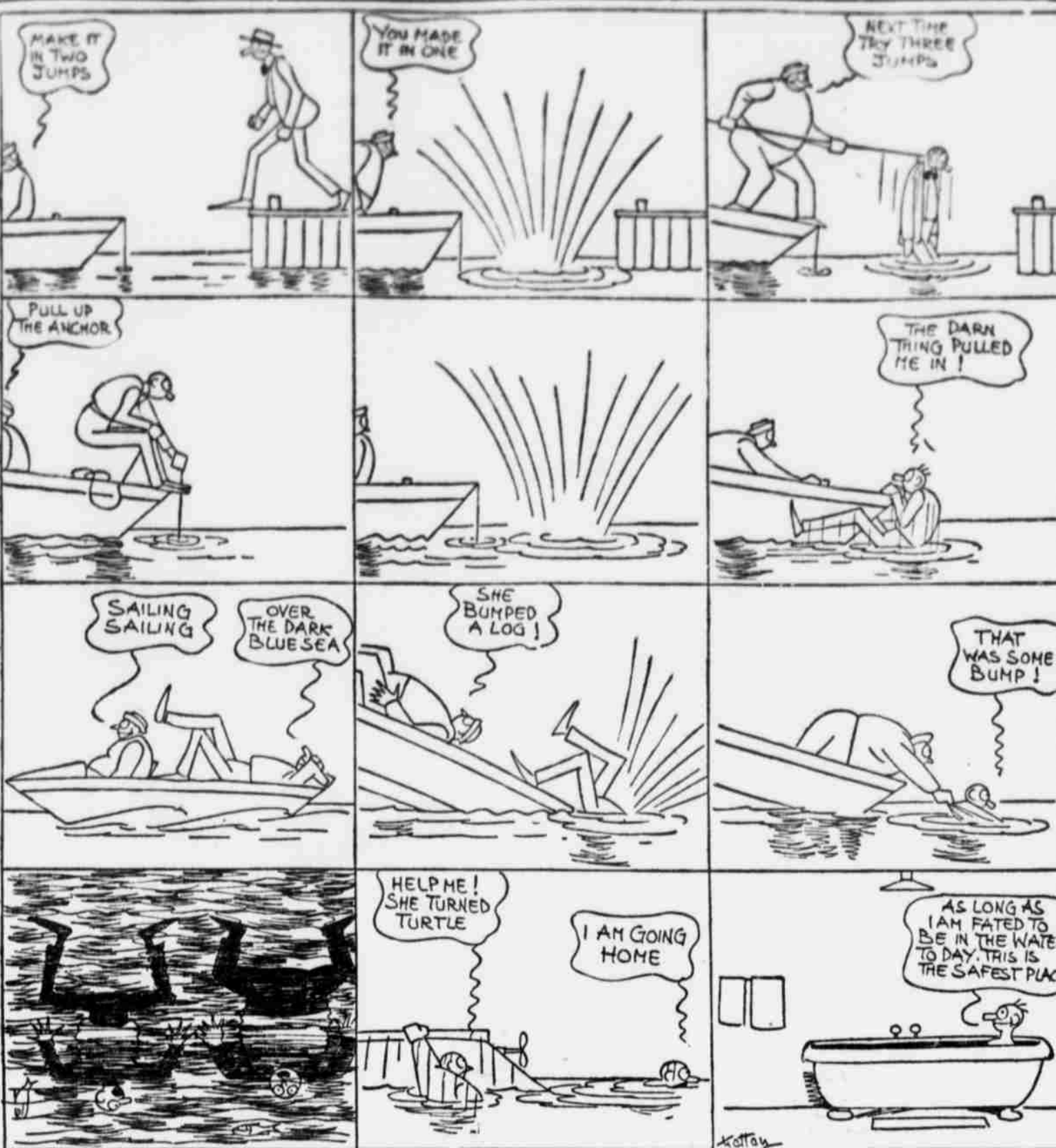
Knowing when to stop helps much to make a good speaker.—Albany Journal.

Some restaurants are substituting

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## The Day of Rest

By Maurice Ketten



## Why Self-Denial Is Often Misplaced Kindness

**Giving Some One Else a Thing You Want, Which They Take for Politeness Sake Only, Is Common Error of Well-Meaning Persons.**

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall.

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Much of the world's unhappiness is due to the Kaiser. Some of it is attributable to alimony, the Long Island mosquito fleet, tight pumps, jazz bands (especially on the phonograph), and the subway. For the rest, I firmly believe altruism is responsible. That is why, despite my passionate prejudice against words and mental states ending in "ism," I am and shall remain an anti-altruist.

As popularly interpreted, altruism consists in minding the business of somebody else, usually at the expense of your own. But what is the logic or even the kindness in giving to another person the thing you want, when in all probability he wants something entirely different?

To disbelieve in altruism is not to advocate a Prussian policy of selfish usurpation. There is a middle ground, in which one may respect oneself—and other persons too much to burden them with gratuitous favors and sacrifices. If you would see anti-altruism in its admirably practical and sane workings, consider the case of those pioneer food economists, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spratt.

I need not quote from their short and simple annals, so free from hypocrisy and morbid innuendo of self. But suppose it had all been different. Suppose Mr. Spratt had said to his wife, "Let me give you some lean meat, dearest. It's much better eating than the other. Oh, never mind me—I shall do very well." And suppose the self-sacrificing wife had countered: "Yes, Jack, do take the fat. It's so tender and sweet. No, really, I don't want any—the tiniest bit. YOU eat it!"

Results of altruism for the Spratts family: Two pecked-at portions of fat food; two hungrily unsatisfied diners; at the meal's end, waste that would appal Mr. Hoover; two noble souls! Does the last item balance the others? Not in the scales of common sense!

"The day after my wedding," a dear old lady told me, "I asked my husband what food he didn't like; because I never wanted to cook any of it. He owned to a prejudice against 'flannel cakes.' So I never made any, although I am very fond of them. But when our youngest son began to come to the family table he refused to eat the wheat cakes served twice a week for breakfast."

"Eat your flannel cakes, son," I heard the boy's father say one morn-

ing of human machinery. To pander to one's own sentimental soul, one has no right to load benefits on another without knowing if they will kill or cure. It is true that a pessimist is a person who has to live with an optimist, it is also a fact that the brutally overbearing and selfish individual usually is the housemate of one ignorant of the straight and seemingly ways of anti-altruism. The strongest argument in favor of

it as a life philosophy I have saved for the last. So far as I know, it is the only armor-proof defense against bores. The female altruist is the incubator of all the bores that ever lived. In the patient warmth of her presence they wax fat and strong. I will not give my time, attention, hospitality or hypocritical tolerance to stupid people," is the first article of the anti-altruist's faith. Don't YOU want to join it?

## The Jarr Family

By Roy L. McCardell

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"IT'S just like a man!" said Mrs. Jarr's mother. "They never think of taking their wives anywhere. They leave women to do all the work, to meet all the bills, to have all the worry and where are they—why, they are off fishing and enjoying themselves."

"But I made him go," said Mrs. Jarr. "He said he wouldn't go if I didn't want him to. It was just a few friends, Mr. Rangle."

"THAT man!" cried Mrs. Jarr's mother, who, in fact, knew little if anything of Mr. Rangle. "Say no more!"

Mrs. Jarr had no chance to say any more, at least not for some time, for Mrs. Jarr's mother was doing all the talking.

"Your father was just the same!" continued the old lady, "and yet when

he died I gave him a funeral that a millionaire would have been proud of! But small thanks I got from him, small thanks I ever got for anything! Look at those women in Russia!"

It was a long way to look, but then Mrs. Jarr's mother was only speaking figuratively.

"Look at those women in Russia!" she repeated. "Why did they have to go to war? Because the men wouldn't go. Why shouldn't the men go to war? Because they went fishing. Don't tell me different!"

"But according to what I have read and what I have seen in the pictures, there can't be very much fishing in Russia," Mrs. Jarr's mother went on. "They seem to be too busy rearing, from the Germans, blowing up people with bombs, and murdering people. Besides, it seems to be always winter in Russia, and people riding around in sleighs drawn by three horses abreast, the centre horse with a hoop over his head with bells on it. Anyway, men do go fishing in winter. They chop holes in the ice and fish—they prefer to go in winter because that gives them more excuse to drink to keep out the cold. Let people say what they will, but you will find when this war is over that the women in Russia had to go to war and fight because the men went fishing. The women in this country will do the same!"

"But it was just some of Mr. Jarr's office friends and Mr. Rangle," said Mrs. Jarr, interrupting her mother at last, "and they are not going to drink, in fact they are only going to take near-beer with them."

"Near-beer?" repeated Mrs. Jarr's mother. "The men are always near-beer, too near it, especially when fishing!"

"But you misunderstand," said Mrs. Jarr. "Now that the war has brought about a demand for prohibition, the brewers are all making a non-alcoholic, non-intoxicating beer, and that is the kind Mr. Jarr and Mr. Rangle and their friends are going to take with them."

## Monday, August 27, 1917

## What Every Woman Thinks

By Helen Rowland.

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HERE is a letter

That I received yesterday.

And I am going to publish it, word for word.

Because, though I might rumple up my hair, and study Roger's Thesaurus for a week,

I do not think that I could write anything half so eloquent myself!

Besides, I have almost forgotten that I ever saw anything "funny" about MEN.

And it is getting to be very, very hard

For me to go on pretending to be "satirical" and "cynical" at their expense.

With so many of them going out bravely and smilingly to face death

For me and mine—and you and yours—and the things we love!

So this, then, is the letter:

"Most Gracious Queen!" (Isn't that perfectly lovely?)

"Most humbly do I prostrate my unworthy self, oh Lady,

"And prithoe hear my humble plea!

"Why, oh WHY, dost thou continuously exalt the Noble Khaki-clad Hero

"And scorn even to mention his lowly Brother—the Boy in Blue?

"For strange as it may seem, as a sweetheart—and one alone—

"To leave behind when his Country calls her sons away from desk and bench!

"Moreover, dost not the Boy in Blue guard and protect his Brother?

"Verily, verily, who is it that guideth the Man in Khaki safely past U-boats and mines, while he is on the ocean,

"And, afterward, often entereth the trench by his side?

"Oh, Most Gracious Lady! When, oh when, will writers cease to ignore him and poets remember him?

"When, oh when, will it cease to be a social mistake for his Sweetheart to walk with her Boy in Blue

"When he is wearing his uniform,

"While it is considered an honor for ANY girl

"To be seen with a Boy in Khaki?

"Oh, Most Wise Lady—WHEN?

"JACK"

Dear Jack,

I do not know why I have not written anything about you.

Because I can assure you, with my hand on my heart,

That a middy-booze thrills me quite as much as a khaki coat!

And the only thing that would make me prouder and vainer

Than to walk along Fifth Avenue with either of them!

Would be to walk along Fifth Avenue with BOTH of them!

And if there is any more romantic figure for a poet's inspiration

Than a Soldier,

It is a soldier-SAILOR!

And every time I see one of you in a new blue suit

Something big comes up in my throat, and I can just whisper,

"Isn't he GRAND! Oh, ISN'T he grand!"

And I honestly believe that Every Girl

Feels just like that!

And perhaps that's why some of you are noted

For having so MANY sweethearts!

## Protective Equipment for Our Soldiers

Uncle Sam Has Chosen Devices War Has Proved Best.

**T**HE United States is equipping every soldier with an exact duplicate of the British type helmet made of steel. This helmet weighs only two pounds two ounces, and is considered by the Government to be superior to the French and German helmets. In the opinion of the United States Government, the various types of helmets rank in the order of British, German and French. The German helmet covers more of the head and is a better protection in that respect, but the German shape helmet cannot be made of the high grade material of the British helmet. The French type helmet is inferior to the other two both in shape and in resistance to shrapnel bullets. The German helmet weighs considerably more than the British, which is a disadvantage considering all the other weight the soldier is required to carry. The minimum thickness of high grade steel which would resist rifle bullets is .15 of an inch. This is four times as thick as the present helmet steel, which is considered too thick for practical purposes, says Popular Science Monthly.

In addition to helmet protection,

when especially difficult and hazardous operations over No Man's Land are contemplated, the soldiers will be

equipped with body armor. This body armor consists of slightly curved steel plates sewed in a canvas sack, extending down to the knees and protecting the soldier from bursting shrapnel, but not from rifle or machine gun bullets. This body armor, which weighs only sixteen pounds three ounces, is strapped over the shoulders and around the body.

Gas masks will of course be furnished for special operations, and eventually a limited quantity of neck-

lets will be provided which are made up of twenty-four layers of Japanese silk which surround an inner lining of Japanese silk waste, the whole being encased in a canvas cover. This neck-

let protects the upper chest, the back of the head and the sides of the face. Neither the necklet nor the body armor will be furnished every soldier, but will be kept in store and supplied for specially difficult operations.

Heavier body armor, which would be proof against rifle bullets as well as shrapnel, has been tried by all the belligerent nations, but so far has not been generally adopted because it weighs fifty-five pounds.

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